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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-873X

NEW YORK AND EASTERN RAILWAY, LLC—DISCONTINUANCE EXEMPTION—IN
POUGHKEEPSIE, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY

STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 652X)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.—DISCONTINUANCE EXEMPTION—IN POUGHKEEPSIE,
DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY

STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 17X)

NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES, LLC—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—IN
POUGHKEEPSIE, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY

Decided: August 27, 2004

On June 29, 2004, the New York and Eastern Railway, LLC (NY&E), CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), and New York Central Lines, LLC (NYC) (collectively, petitioners) jointly filed a petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 for NY&E and CSXT to discontinue service over and for NYC to abandon an approximately 4.7-mile line of railroad between milepost QCO 0.0 and milepost QCO 3.2 and between milepost QCK 29.5 and milepost QCK 31.0, in the City and Town of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, NY. Notice of the filing of the petition was served and published in the Federal Register on July 19, 2004 (69 FR 43054). On August 2, 2004, the Great Eastern Color Lithographic Corporation (GECLC) filed a protest to the petition.

By facsimile filed on August 26, 2004, petitioners seek an extension until September 2, 2004, to respond to the protest. Petitioners state that GECLC has been contacted and has indicated that it does not object to the extension request.

The request is reasonable and will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. The petitioners may respond to the protest no later than September 2, 2004.

2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary